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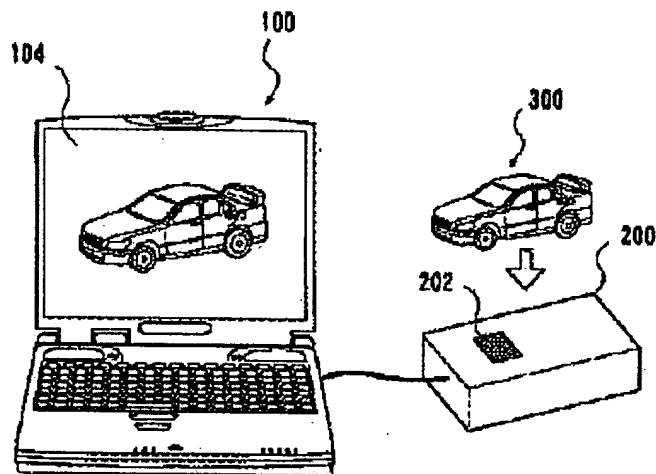
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An information service system comprises a toy 300 storing toy information, a reader 200 for detecting the toy information transmitted by the toy 300 via a contact-less data carrier system and an information service device 100. Information service device 100 can output related information about the toy 300 to the user from an external storing section in accordance with the toy information detected by the reader 200. This may take the form of a server 400 and network system, possibly the Internet. The information preferably takes the form of images or sound, and preferably an Internet homepage. The reader 200 may comprise an interrogator and a memory, with a responder being provided in the toy to form the contact-less data system. The toy may also store accounting information which may determine the information that can be accessed and may have a storing section and control section in order to output the correct information. The toy may be shaped to remind a user of a network provider.



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